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In re PATENT APPLICATION of

BRIGITTE *ET AL.*

Group Art Unit: 1645

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Application Serial No.: 09/725,178

Examiner: Richard G. Hutson

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Title: NOVEL NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES ENCODING THE GPM GENE

January 30, 2006

**AMENDMENT/RESPONSE**Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Ex parte Quayle action dated October 28, 2005 wherein pending claim 34 was subject to restriction. The applicants respectfully traverse in view of the following remarks.

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